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MEMORANDUM:

Request for an Appearance

TO:

The Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Executive Session

August 23, 1979, (Tentative time 11:00 a.m.).

FROM:

Ronald W. Daniels, Coordinator of Mined Land Development.

Representatives, Jim Rozel and Dave Hogan of Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation, will discuss with the Board the Company's desire to begin development of it's Escalante Silver Mine in Iron County, Utah.

The company wishes to begin earth-work for it's shaft site and to install water lines for this proposed pilot mine prior to the issuance of tentative approval. Due to the location of this mine in the agricultural areas of Iron County and the potential for hydrologic issues arising, the staff deemed it necessary that the Board be consulted before allowing site preparation without tentative approval.

Bill GreensCate